

REMARKS

In the above amendment, claims 2-26 have been canceled without prejudice. The cancellation of claims 2-26 is not intended, nor should be interpreted or construed, as an admission by Applicants as to unpatentability of those claims or as a surrender of the subject matter embodied by those claims. As explained below, the filing of this continuation application and preliminary amendment is for purposes of copying claims pursuant to Rule 1.607(c). Claims 27-38 have been added. Support for the added claims can be found on at least pages 7, 8, 10-13, 15, 20-25, and 29-31 of the specification.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.607(c) and MPEP 2307.05, the undersigned wishes to advise the Examiner that the now pending claims (by way of the present amendment and as originally filed) correspond exactly or substantially to claims 1, 3, 6-11, 13, 14, 17 and 19 of US Patent Application US2002/0168729 published on November 14, 2002 and assigned to Human Genome Sciences.

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